

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2006. Claims 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 46, 71 and 72 are amended. Entry of the present amendment and reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

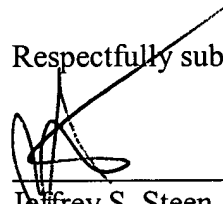
Claims 31, 32, 35, 46, 71 and 72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. In particular, it was contended that claims 31 and 32 had insufficient antecedent basis for “said fungi”. Claims 31 and 32 inadvertently depended from claim 30. Amendment to reflect proper dependence of claim 31 from claim 25 obviates the rejection of both claims. The phrase “said essential oil producing plant species” in claim 35 was objected to for lack of antecedent basis. Claim 35 inadvertently depended from claim 24. Amendment to reflect proper dependence from claim 33 obviates the rejection. The phrase “composition is applied in the soil wound the plant” in claim 47 was objected to for lack of antecedent basis. Amended claim 47 is now directed to, *inter alia*, “said method further comprising applying said composition to soil”. Accordingly the rejection is overcome. The phrase “said plant species” in claims 71 and 72 was objected to for lack of antecedent basis. Amended claims 71 and 72 now recite “said plant” which is supported by independent claim 70, from which they ultimately depend. Accordingly, the rejection has been obviated. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

A review of the claims by applicant revealed that claim 29 inadvertently depended from claim 24. Accordingly, claim 29 is amended to reflect proper dependence from claim 25. In addition, claim 34 inadvertently depended from claim 24. Accordingly, claim 34 is amended to reflect proper dependence from claim 33.

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A good faith attempt has been made to place all the claims in the present application in condition for allowance. If there is any point requiring discussion or clarification, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for applicant at the below indicated telephone number for resolution.

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